

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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DATE: October 29, 2009

OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FILE NO. SH2246590

FROM: ERIC B. SMITH, COMMANDER
LEADERSHIP AND TRAINING DIVISION

TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:
DEPUTY GONZALO GALVEZ # [REDACTED]
DEPUTY MICHAEL CARPENTER # [REDACTED]
LENNOX STATION

On July 10, 2009, at approximately 2046 hours, Deputy Gonzalo Galvez, the driver, and Deputy Michael Carpenter, the passenger, were involved in a shooting with Suspect Woodrow Wilson Player III. The suspect was shot after he pointed what Deputies Galvez and Carpenter believed was a handgun at them.

Suspect Player, who [REDACTED] with Assault Victim [REDACTED] entered her home at the [REDACTED] and placed a loaded .357 caliber handgun to her ribs, threatening to kill her. When the suspect fled this location, Victim [REDACTED] dialed 9-1-1 and reported the incident.

Deputies responded to the location regarding a brandishing a handgun/domestic violence call. Prior to the deputies' arrival, information was received that the suspect fled in a gray Chevrolet Malibu, with tinted windows, and was possibly armed. While driving north on New Hampshire Avenue, Deputies Galvez and Carpenter noticed a gray Chevrolet Malibu with tinted windows, drive south on New Hampshire Avenue from Imperial Highway. The vehicle immediately pulled into the parking lot of Laker's Liquor at [REDACTED] West Imperial Highway and stopped. The deputies noted the suspect (Woodrow Player III) and vehicle matched the description of the crime information and pulled in behind the suspect's vehicle. Immediately the deputies could see the suspect leaning forward for several moments, as if he was attempting to retrieve or stash an object under the front driver's seat. The deputies believed due to the nature of the call, the suspect might be arming himself.

Suspect Player then quickly exited his vehicle as deputies ordered him back inside and to show his hands. He refused and advanced toward the deputies with his hands raised above his head. As Suspect Player arrived between his vehicle and the patrol vehicle, he raised his arms, took a few small steps to his left, then ran northbound on New Hampshire Avenue.

Deputies Carpenter and Galvez initiated a foot pursuit and noted the suspect was holding on to his waistband, as if trying to keep what they believed was a gun from falling out, as he ran northwest across Imperial Highway, nearly being struck by several vehicles traveling on Imperial Highway. As the suspect ran into the north/south alley, north of Imperial Highway and east of Berendo Avenue, he turned and pointed what Deputy Galvez believed was a black handgun in his right hand. Although Deputy Carpenter did not see what was in Suspect Player's right hand, he heard gunshots, which he believed were being fired from Suspect Player. Fearing for their safety, both deputies fired three to four bullets each at Suspect Player. The suspect turned west through an apartment access point and ran to a wrought-iron fence. As the suspect climbed the fence, he turned and, with his right hand, pointed what deputies believed to be the black handgun at them. Fearing for their safety, both deputies fired four to five rounds at the suspect.

Suspect Player sustained gunshot wounds to the right forearm, right biceps, and upper torso. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A .357 caliber Colt handgun with six live .357 rounds was located under the driver's seat of the suspect's vehicle. Nine expended 9mm shell casings and seven .45 caliber shell casings were recovered from the scene. A black cellular telephone was also recovered from the ground underneath Suspect Player. No other suspect firearms were located.

On October 22, 2009, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force; 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force; and 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards.

Concerning:

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Gonzalo Galvez # [REDACTED] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MPP § 3-01/025.00, Use of Force, MPP § 3-01/025.30, Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MPP § 3-01/025.10, Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by Deputy Michael Carpenter # [REDACTED] was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

The Committee directs the unit commander to send Deputies Gonzalo Galvez # [REDACTED] and Michael Carpenter # [REDACTED] to attend 8 hours of Tactics and Survival Training.

MPP § 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by all personnel in this incident were within Department Policy.

Eric B. Smith, Commander

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EXHIBITS

- A- Homicide Book**
- B- Sunrise and Sunset for U.S.A. - California - Los Angeles 2009**

MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

Copy of signed "Agreement Re: Gates and Johnson" Waiver

Admonition forms

Printout of 9-1-1 call made by Victim [REDACTED]

Printout of Dispatched call - Tag 185

Printout of Incident History Report - Tag 185

Printout of Deputy Daily Worksheet Unit 30W3

Printout of Unit History Report Unit 30W3

Printout of Vehicle License Plate Inquiry

Copies of Audio/Video CD's of Deputy Interviews, Witness Interviews, Radio transmission of 9-1-1 call, Dispatched call, Sergeant Bergner Video, Crime Lab photographs of Crime Scene, Autopsy photographs, Video from "Laker's Liquor" cameras, and "Studio Photographs" of suspect cell phone and clothing.

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Officer Involved Shooting

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Report Date: 09-09-09		Bureau/Station/Facility: Lennox Station		Admin. Invest.? <input type="checkbox"/> Hit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Incident Information					
URN: 009-07004-0373-013		Date: 07-10-09		Time: 2046 hours	
City or Station: Los Angeles		Nature of Incident: Deputies respond to 417 call, with suspect vehicle description. While en route, obs suspect vehicle. Traffic stop. Suspect exits vehicle, starts to comply then flees from deputies who give chase. Suspect turns toward deputies pointing what deputies believe is a weapon at them. Both deputies fire at suspect striking him, where he dies at the scene. No deputies were injured.			
Location: [REDACTED] South New Hampshire Avenue Los Angeles, California 90044					
Location Type (circle one or more): Backyard Beach Business Freeway Industrial Park Parking Lot Residence Rural School Street Other: <u>alley</u>	Lighting (circle only one): Darkness Daylight Other <u>Street Lights</u>	Incident Type (circle one or more): Accidental <u>Armed Person</u> <u>Fleeing Suspect</u> <u>Foot Pursuit</u> Gun Take Away Moving Vehicle Sniper/Ambush Stallie Struggle Involved <u>Traffic Stop</u> Unarmed Person Unintentional Vehicle Pursuit Warrant Service Warning Shot Other: _____		Initiated by (circle only one): <u>Arrest Warrant</u> <u>Call</u> Observation One Person Unit Other Search Warrant Two Person Unit	
	Weather (circle only one): <u>Clear</u> Cloudy Fog Rain			Prior Activity (circle only one): Detective Inmate Transport Other <u>Routine Patrol</u>	
	Distance: 20'			Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy: 17	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect: 0				
Employee Witnesses					
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day	ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty
Non-Employee Witnesses					
Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		M.I. [REDACTED]	
Street Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]		Zip Code [REDACTED] Work Ph [REDACTED] Home Ph [REDACTED]	
Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		M.I. [REDACTED]	
Street Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]		Zip Code [REDACTED] Work Ph [REDACTED] Home Ph [REDACTED]	
Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]		M.I. [REDACTED]	
Street Address [REDACTED]		City [REDACTED]		Zip Code [REDACTED] Work Ph [REDACTED] Home Ph [REDACTED]	
Supervisors					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name: Valencia	First Name: Joseph	M.I. [REDACTED]	(circle one or more): <u>On Duty</u> Present during shooting	
				Witness to shooting Involved in shooting	
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name: Bergener	First Name: Christopher	M.I. [REDACTED]	(circle one or more): <u>On Duty</u> Present during shooting	
				Witness to shooting Involved in shooting	
Watch Sergeant					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name: Burgin		First Name: Terry	M.I. [REDACTED]	
Watch Commander					
Employee # [REDACTED]	Last Name [REDACTED]		First Name [REDACTED]	M.I. [REDACTED]	

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Rollout Information							
Arrival Date	07-10-09	Arrival Time	2130	Date Submitted	10-09-09	Date of Recommendation	
Employee #	[REDACTED]	Last Name	Kusch	First Name	Roderick		M.I
Employee #	[REDACTED]	Last Name	Haynes	First Name	Laura		M.I
Employee #	[REDACTED]	Last Name	Grote	First Name	Dinah		M.I
Shooting / Force Information							

Method

(AW)	Arwen	(OV)	Other Weapon: Vehicle
(BC)	Baton:(Control)	(OB)	Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(BI)	Baton:(Impact)	(OO)	Other Weapon: Other
(BF)	Bodily Fluids	(PK)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(CN)	Canine	(PS)	Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(CR)	Carotid Restraint	(PH)	Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(CH)	Choke Hold	(PP)	Personal Weapon (Push)
(CT)	Control Holds:(Control Techniques)	(PO)	Personal Weapon (Other)
(TT)	Control Holds:(Team Takedown)	(RS)	Resistance
(TD)	Control Holds:(Takedown)	(CN)	Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(CE)	Chemical	(RH)	Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(OC)	Chemical Agents (OC Spray)	(HB)	Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TG)	Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)	(TP)	Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(EX)	Explosives	(RE)	Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(FH)	Firearm (Handgun)	(SP)	Sap
(FR)	Firearm (Rifle)	(SH)	Shield
(FS)	Firearm (Shotgun)	(SG)	37mm Stinger
(FO)	Firearm (Other)	(SB)	Sting Ball
(FB)	Flashbang	(ST)	Stun Bag
(FL)	Flashlight	(TR)	Taser
(OE)	Other Weapon: Edged	(UC)	Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB)	Abrasion
(BR)	Bruise
(BU)	Burn
(CP)	Complaint of Pain
(CO)	Concussion
(DH)	Death
(DI)	Dislocation
(DB)	Dog Bite
(FR)	Fractures
(GS)	Gunshot
(HB)	Human Bite
(LC)	Lacerations
(ND)	Nerve Damage
(OD)	Organ Damage
(PA)	Paralysis
(PW)	Puncture Wound
(SD)	Soft Tissue Damage
(ST)	Sprain/Twists
(UN)	Unconscious
(RM)	Refused Med Treatment
(NN)	NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD)	Abdomen
(AK)	Ankle
(AR)	Arm
(BK)	Back
(BT)	Buttocks
(CH)	Chest
(EL)	Elbow
(FA)	Face
(FE)	Feet
(FI)	Fingers
(GE)	Genitals
(GR)	Groin
(HD)	Hand
(HE)	Head
(HI)	Hip
(IN)	Internal
(KN)	Knees
(LE)	Leg
(NK)	Neck
(SH)	Shoulder
(WR)	Wrist

Brand

(AK)	AK-47	(IV)	Iver Johnson	(RJ)	RGI
(BN)	Benelli	(JE)	Jennings	(RO)	Rossi
(BR)	Beretta	(LO)	Lorcin	(SW)	Smith & Wesson
(BW)	Browning	(LU)	Luger	(GR)	Gauchaud Ruger
(CH)	Charter Arms	(MA)	Marlin	(ST)	Sterling
(CO)	Colt	(MO)	Mossberg	(TA)	Taurus
(DA)	Davis Industries	(NC)	NCI aka SKS	(WE)	Weathorby
(GL)	Glock	(NA)	North American	(WN)	Winchester
(HA)	Harrington & Richardson	(NO)	Norinco	(US)	US Government
(HI)	Hi Standard	(RA)	Raven	(YY)	Handmade (Inmate)
(HK)	H & K	(RM)	Remington	(XX)	Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(IT)	Ithaca	(RG)	RG	(ZZ)	Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm	(24) .243 caliber	(41) .410 gauge
(10) 10 mm	(25) .25 caliber	(44) .44 caliber
(12) 12 gauge	(30) .308 caliber	(46) .46 caliber
(20) 20 gauge	(35) .357 caliber	(50) 50 mm
(21) .22-250	(36) 30-80 caliber	(SL) Slug
(22) .22 caliber	(38) .38 caliber	(WWW) Other caliber
(23) .223 caliber	(40) .40 caliber	

FORCE APPLIED (one code per block)

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Involved Employee

E 1	Employee #	Last Name Carpenter	First Name Michael	M.I.
Sex: M Race: W		Rank Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Lennox Station	
ShiftTime (circle only one): EM <u>PM</u> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <u>Regular</u> Overtime Off Duty	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 30W3	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 10		Duty Time (hrs):	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #
Age: 6' 02 Height: 230 Weight:		Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest Plain Clothes w/ Vest <u>Uniform w/ Vest</u> Raid Jacket w/ Vest Uniform no Vest Raid Jacket no Vest	Other Factors:	
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?
Weapons Fired Brand: H&K Caliber: 45 # Shots: 8		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E 2	Employee #	Last Name Galvez	First Name Gonzalo	M.I.
Sex: M Race: H		Rank Deputy Sheriff	Unit Assignment: Lennox Station	
ShiftTime (circle only one): EM <u>PM</u> Day		ShiftType (circle only one): <u>Regular</u> Overtime Off Duty	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 30W3	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 8		Duty Time (hrs):	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #
Age: 6' 0 Height: 190 Weight:		Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest Plain Clothes w/ Vest <u>Uniform w/ Vest</u> Raid Jacket w/ Vest Uniform no Vest Raid Jacket no Vest	Other Factors:	
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used?		Patrol Certification?	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings?
Weapons Fired Brand: Beretta Caliber: 9mm # Shots: 9		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.

E	Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:		Rank	Unit Assignment:	
ShiftTime (circle only one): EM PM Day		ShiftType (circle only one): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):	
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Hospital Name:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:		Duty Time (hrs):	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #
Age: Height: Weight:		Clothing (circle only one): Plain Clothes no Vest Plain Clothes w/ Vest Raid Jacket w/ Vest Uniform no Vest Raid Jacket no Vest Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:	
Range Qualification Date:		PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>		Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>
Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		Weapons Fired Brand: Caliber # Shots		
Field Training Officer Emp #		Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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Suspect Information

S 1	Last Name Player, III		First Name Woodrow		M.I. W.
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	Sex: M	Race: Blk	Street Address: [REDACTED]	City: [REDACTED]	State & Zip Code: [REDACTED]
	Work Phone: [REDACTED]	Home Phone: [REDACTED]	Social Security #: [REDACTED]	Driver's License #: [REDACTED]	
	Age: 22	D.O.B. 05-14-87	Height: 5' 10	Weight: 198	FBI #: [REDACTED]
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case # 2009-04783	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used: marijuana and alcohol	
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>	Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? [REDACTED]	
	Vehicle Make Chevy		Model: Malibu	Year: 2001	
S	Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:	
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:	FBI #
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:	
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>	Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:	
S	Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:	
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:	FBI #
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:	
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>	Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:	
S	Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	AKA Last Name		First Name		M.I.
	Sex:	Race:	Street Address:	City	State & Zip Code:
	Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:	
	Age:	D.O.B.	Height:	Weight:	FBI #
	Booking #	Primary Charge:		Secondary Charge:	
	Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>	Coroner Case #	Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>	Substance Used:	
	Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>	Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>	Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>	Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Vehicle Make		Model:	Year:	

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